

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF FREDERICK COUNTY
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 4, 2022**

Council Members M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President; Michael Blue, Vice-President, Jerry Donald, Kai Hagen, Jessica Fitzwater, Phil Dacey and Steve McKay were present for the meeting.

Also present were Ragen Cherney, County Council Chief of Staff; Catherine Keller, Assistant County Attorney; Sarah Ambrosio, Recording Secretary; and Nancy Luna, Executive Assistant, County Council.

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. virtually.

Opening Statement from Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer

Council President M.C. Keegan-Ayer provided an opening statement at the start of the meeting. Included in that statement was a welcoming to the Legislative meeting for Tuesday, January 4, 2022 and information on how to watch and participate in the meeting. President Keegan-Ayer called roll and a quorum was established for the meeting.

The meeting began with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Action on the Agenda

Council Member Michael Blue moved to approve the agenda as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Public Comment was heard from:

- None

Business Items:

Budget Adjustments

- J-22-155 – Family Partnership, Citizens Services Division
- J-22-156 – Family Partnership, Citizens Services Division

Council Member Jessica Fitzwater moved to approve Budget Adjustment J-22-155 and

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J-22-156 as presented. Council Member Steve McKay seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Approval of Minutes from December 21, 2021.

Council Member Steve McKay moved to approve the minutes from December 21, 2021, as presented. Council Member Jessica Fitzwater seconded the motion that passed 7-0.

Council Members	Aye	Nay	Absent/ Abstain/ Present
District 1 – Donald	X		
District 2 – McKay	X		
District 4 – Fitzwater	X		
District 5 – Blue	X		
At-large – Dacey	X		
At-large – Hagen	X		
Presiding Officer – Keegan-Ayer	X		

Presentation on Public Attendance at Council Legislative Days

Council Members Steve McKay, Kai Hagen and Phil Dacey, presented information to the Council on Public Attendance at Council Legislative Days.

The Council took a break from 6:35 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

To Consider Bill No. 21-13 – Amend Elderly Individuals & Uniformed Service Members Property Tax

Council Members Steve McKay, Phil Dacey, Kai Hagen, and Council Vice President Michael Blue presented information on Bill No. 21-13 – Amend Elderly Individuals & Uniformed Service Members Property Tax.

Public Comment was heard from:

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- Chris Weatherly

Public Comment was heard from:

- Jim Wilhite

Council Member Comments:

Council Member comments were provided.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

M.C. Keegan-Ayer, President
County Council